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SUBJECT: STUDY BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS STAFF ON LICENSING AGREEMENTS  
AND CO-PRODUCTION

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1. THE VISIT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AT THIS TIME BECAUSE  
THE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF MUST COMPLETE A REPORT FOR HOUSE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THEY  
CONSIDER THAT POSTPONEMENT OF TRIP WOULD PREVENT TIMELY  
COMPLETION.

2. AS STATED IN REFTTEL A THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF IS INTERESTED IN IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS EXISTING IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE U.S. TO NATO COUNTRIES AND VICE VERSA. THIS INCLUDES LICENSING PROCEDURES, HOW LICENSEES ARE CHOSEN, WHETHER THEY THINK LICENSES SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED CONTRACTOR TO CONTRACTOR, COUNTRY TO COUNTRY OR COUNTRY TO CONTRACTOR OR WHETHER THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED SHOULD VARY WITH THE SITUATION IN EACH CASE. THE STAFF WOULD ALSO LIKE SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT CHANGES IN EXISTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES CAN BE RECOMMENDED TO AVOID PROBLEMS, IF ANY, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST.

3. SPECIFIC WEAPON SYSTEMS WERE MENTIONED IN REFTTEL A TO INDICATE WHY THE PARTICULAR CONTRACTORS WERE REGARDED BY THE STAFF AS HAVING EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD AND, THEREFORE, APPROPRIATE CONTACTS. THE STAFF IS NOT INTERESTED IN DELVING INTO THE SYSTEMS NAMED OR INTO THE MOU'S, IF ANY, INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFERS ALTHOUGH IF ANY OF THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED CARE TO MENTION EXAMPLES INVOLVING THESE WEAPON SYSTEMS TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE OR WHAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE STAFF AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE POINT BEING MADE.

4. THE STAFF IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO A STATEMENT FROM THE PERSONS CONTACTED AND WILL ASK ONLY QUESTIONS TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE STATEMENT, OR NO QUESTIONS AT ALL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF THE INTERVIEWEE SO DESIRES.

5. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF CONCERN EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL B. THEY AGREE NOT TO BRING UP "EVALUATION IN THE U.S. OF LEOPARD II AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. MAIN BATTLE TANK". IN ADDITION, IN VIEW OF CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REF B MR. H. BRANCH WOOD, THE TEAM LEADER PLANS TO TAKE UP ALL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS IN GERMANY WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AND WILL BE GUIDED BY EMBASSY ADVICE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF TEAM CAN LEAVE AS PLANNED. CHANGING PLANS NOW THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH MOST GERMAN FIRMS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED ACCORDING TO ODC SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

7. INASMUCH AS PRESENT PLANS STILL CALL FOR DEPARTURE OF TEAM THIS WEEKEND, WE MUST HAVE IMMEDIATE REPLY.

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